

# BOOTH SAYS WOMEN ARE GOOD CONVERTS. MANY MOODY PEASANTS AT HUNGARIAN PEASANT BALL.

Repentance of the Fair Sex, He Says, Is More Lasting Than That of Men.

The Great Leader of the Great Volunteer Army Tells of the Grand Work Women Accomplish.

In the great number of cases which have come under my personal notice my experience has been that the repentance of women has been more lasting than that of men, and its results have been more far-reaching.

Woman in her quiet, persistent and patient way does as much, if not more, good than the ever eloquent and heavy-voiced man, who goes about lecturing and exhorting the people, who will perhaps finally be converted to religion by the soft-spoken, low-voiced woman. My own mother, Catherine Booth, is a striking example of this. She had far more influence on my life as a child and as a youth than my father. She was called the "power behind the throne" and yet, her voice on the platform was low, her gestures few but her winning, pathetic words carried conviction to every heart who heard them.

Woman unquestionably is the greatest power on the earth, and given equal advantages and a liberal education, she far surpasses man in her endeavors. It is a strange, but nevertheless, a true fact, that women rouse in men the desire for repentance and Christianity, while men can more easily bring woman to a sense of her shortcomings than can one of her own sex.

Each sex requires the other in order that all things may work out well, and to the final uplifting of both.

Look at woman on the stage. Why is she on an average so much more successful than man? Is it her face? Is it her voice? Is it her form? No! It is none of these. It is her matchless persuasive power, which brings an audience to its feet and elicits volitional applause, which rings from the orchestra to the gallery.

And so it is in religion. A woman's influence is so much more persuasive than a man's. She has a way of convincing her listeners of the truth of her utterances, which is a special gift of God to women.

As in the beginning God, the Father, Christ, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, each filled a necessary and specific office to complete the whole—so today the man fills his sphere, the



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woman fills hers, and together they unite to form one perfect whole.

To-day the whole of our movement (the Volunteers) is ringing with the reformation from sin of a man who has been for fifty-two years an infidel. Think of it! After fifty-two years of consistent infidelity he has come to the foot of the cross and the open arms of the Saviour are there ready to lift him up and save.

The conversion of an actress, one who has for years lived a life of fashion, frivolity and selfishness—this has also come about, although less has been said and little has become public regarding it. But I doubt not that this woman, who is writing these, visiting sinners, talking persuasively and yet quietly to many who are not yet gathered into the fold, will accomplish as much, if not more, by her words and works than will the man.

There are three fields open for a woman in life. They are the family, public life and social life. Of the three social life is the least satisfying and leaves most heart hunger.

Not long ago there sat at one of our meetings a woman covered with jewels and clothed in raiment of enormous cost. She had everything that money could buy, and yet before the meeting closed she cried out wearily: "Is there nothing more in life than I have found?"

Yes, there is more—much more—that she had not found! Her soul was yearning for something she knew not what. But we all yearn for that something sooner or later.

If a woman has a talent, a gift, an

aptitude for public life, she should be allowed to follow her inclinations, for there is no telling what great good she may do in the world.

It is hard to say whether men or women are more easily converted. I should say, however, that in the long run women are the more apt to be converted, for they know and feel that I am one with and of one of them. This is the only way in which you can reach a man's heart. Make yourself his equal—make him feel that you are nowise above him—simply a brother who has reached the higher light and gained the higher knowledge which is every one's by right of inheritance, but to some it comes early, to others late. When that great truth at length flashes across the dark clouds which have so long obscured his spiritual light he will fall on his knees and give in hearty humiliation and sorrow: "Lord! have mercy upon me, a sinner!"

Woman, continue in your marvellous and great work. You little know what power you wield over the beings of the universe! BALLINGTON BOOTH, The Volunteers of America.

One Gay Patron Was Wedded 19 Times and Also Divorced During the Early Morning Hours.

Quick Returns for Patrons at the Joyous New Year Event at Madison Square Garden.



MISS JEANNE BERIER.

A very respectable-looking, elderly gentleman, with his tie just a trifle askew, walked toward the east end of the Madison Square Garden amphitheatre at 1 o'clock this morning. A younger man with him was trying to persuade him to go home.

"Go home?" he exclaimed, joyously. "Never, my boy! I'm going to see married again!" Just then he espied a young girl dressed in a very short, red skirt, her light, braided hair hanging over her shoulder and her eyes dancing. "There she is!" he shouted. And, running across the floor, he kissed her forehead.

In an instant two young men, very respectfully as to gold head, grabbed him. "Come to jail!" they shouted, and the old gentleman, laughing loudly, was led across the hall to a canvas enclosure painted to represent the bars of a prison. He was unconsciously thrown in and locked up with a dozen other men and women.

A few minutes later he said: "I'll marry her!" He was led across to a booth,

ONE OF THE DANCES IN WHICH THE PEASANT MAIDS WEAR BOOTS.



Nathan Franko's orchestra alternated in a very orderly and satisfactory Sunday night concert. The Garden was not very much crowded during those hours, although the programme rendered was very effective, but at midnight, when, after a lull in the music, a volley of guns was fired and there came a great shout of "Happy New Year!" the vast amphitheatre was comfortably filled.

Nearly all the boxes had occupants. Mrs. Herman Oelrichs and Mrs. Burke Roche graced two of them, and these long lines were very many well-known clowns of the city. Over in another part of the Garden Mr. "Tod" Sloan and three other men held a reception. This was a very popular point, and while the midday jockey and his friends remained a special detachment of waiters were on duty.

At the eastern end of the Garden, where the marrying was (and anybody was privileged to get married, and almost every one did), was a large painted scene, representing a Hungarian village. There were the inn, the houses, the village green and of course the jail. At the stroke of twelve, several hundred young men and women appeared there and for an hour and a half danced as they do in Magyar land, had soldiers visit them, had a wedding and sang loudly. The dances were new to most of the crowd. Particularly the "Csardas."

As one young man described it to his partner, it appears to be a combination of every known dance from the heels up, and when fifty men and women, stamping, gesturing, whirling and shouting performed it at the same time, it sounded like an artillery battery crossing a wooden bridge.

But that all passed and the red-skirted girls and the flowing-robed women mingled with the black-coated crowd in the more familiar waltz and two-step. Everywhere jollity reigned and contentment shone in each deep on the floor. "Bulldog" and "Happy New Year" shouted the men, and although it was finally twisted around to "Bulldog" and "Happy New Year" by the crowd, the "Bulldog" and "Happy New Year" was the name of the dance.

The first Hungarian ball at Madison Square Garden was a success.

where men dressed as priests have the girl a brass ring and charged the old gentleman a quarter. Five minutes later the girl went to another booth and demanded a divorce. A judge granted this for another quarter, and the old gentleman, after a salute, left the girl and rejoined his companion with:

"I've married that girl nineteen times to-night, and if my money holds out I'll make that girl a good wife and an English general in South Africa."

He wouldn't and didn't leave until his much-married bride's mother took her home.

Now all this was perfectly innocent and took place amid the laughter, singing and music of the fifth annual Hungarian Peasant Dance at the Garden to-day. It really began to-day, because from 1 o'clock last night until midnight the Twenty-second Regiment Band and

strings them to their organization. But what may and all the difficulty is the committee of five which the C. F. U. has appointed to confer with the national association, where such assistance as may be needed will be given and have them organized as a union of the same craft. The national association have expressed themselves favorable to such a scheme, and in the future the prospects of peace remaining supreme is likely.

The Woodcarvers' Association, of this city, will hold a meeting Wednesday night for the purpose of selecting officers and considering amendments to the constitution of the National Association. All members have been requested to be present.

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From time immemorial in the history of organized labor there has been a constant waiting of two or more organized bodies of workmen of the same craft, who have been united in a union, and each body has always borne the brunt of the other. There is now little likelihood of such a thing existing in the future, for the National Association of Plumbers and Gas Fitters and the National Association of Plumbers, and a few more too numerous to mention, the electricians of this city are a strong organization, composed of over 2,000 members, and for a long time have endeavored to secure a charter from the National Brotherhood, but to no avail, only because they are unwilling to affiliate with the Brooklyn body, which is in the big body. The New Yorkers have been told that the only way in which they can acquire what which they desire to affiliate with the Brooklynites, which they refuse to do.

The action is the result of the fight which has existed between the Electrical Workers' Union No. 2, of this borough, and a union of the same trade in Brooklyn, and also between the Amalgamated Plumbers and Gas Fitters and the National Association of Plumbers, and a few more too numerous to mention, the electricians of this city are a strong organization, composed of over 2,000 members, and for a long time have endeavored to secure a charter from the National Brotherhood, but to no avail, only because they are unwilling to affiliate with the Brooklyn body, which is in the big body. The New Yorkers have been told that the only way in which they can acquire what which they desire to affiliate with the Brooklynites, which they refuse to do.

No. 2 Union has also filed protests with the American Federation of Labor against the further recognition of the Brooklyn union because of their being "out of the line" and "not affiliated" with the electricians of this city are a strong organization, composed of over 2,000 members, and for a long time have endeavored to secure a charter from the National Brotherhood, but to no avail, only because they are unwilling to affiliate with the Brooklyn body, which is in the big body. The New Yorkers have been told that the only way in which they can acquire what which they desire to affiliate with the Brooklynites, which they refuse to do.

As to the plumbers, the amalgamated body is represented in the C. F. U. while the other organization has been seated in the Building Trades Council, despite the protests of the former. On this account, Delegate Weinsheimer, of the amalgamated body, had a resolution passed by the C. F. U. yesterday commanding the action of the Council in admitting them to their organization.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

MANHATTAN ANNA HELD WIFE. MAY IRWIN & SON, Extra Matinee To-day. BEST ORCHESTRA. SEATS ONLY \$1.00.

DALY'S LYCEUM. ANNE HERRICK. SEATS ONLY \$1.00. VIOLA ALLEN IN CHRISTIAN. HUBER'S 14TH ST. MUSEUM. 10 to 11 P. M. Huber's 14th St. Museum. 10 to 11 P. M.

Annual Sale of Ladies' Muslin Underwear. Tuesday, Jan. 2d.

Night Gowns, 50c., 75c., 98c., \$1.25, 1.95, 2.45. Dr. Wiers, 35c., 50c., 75c., 98c., \$1.25, 1.95.

Corset Covers, 25c., 35c., 50c., 75c., 98c., \$1.25 & \$1.95.

Skirts, 98c., \$1.25, \$1.75, \$1.95, \$2.45. Chemises, 75c., 98c., \$1.25, \$1.95.

Odd pieces in Cambric and Nainsook Gowns, Skirts, Chemises and Drawers at 1/2 their value.

Outing Flannel Skirts, (scaloped edge), 25 cts.

Eiderdown Robes, \$4.25.

Silk Negliges, \$10.75, value \$18.75.

Silk Skirts, In black and champagne taffeta, with four ruffles, \$5.00.

In black and plain colored taffeta, with deep acedron plaiting, ruche top and bottom, \$9.75, value \$14.75.

With double ruche at bottom and one at top, \$12.75, value \$18.75.

Lord & Taylor, Broadway & 90th St.

Amusements. KOSTER & BIAL'S 303 St. near Broadway. Extra Matinee To-day.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF? Marie Lavinia, Gertrude Harnes, Emma Corner, Marie Lavinia, Gertrude Harnes, Emma Corner, Marie Lavinia, Gertrude Harnes, Emma Corner.

METROPOLITAN OPERA-HOUSE. Under the direction of Mr. MAURICE GRAY. To-night at 8.

AMERICAN SPECIAL MAT. TO-DAY. Extra Matinee To-day.

PROCTOR'S 304 St. near Broadway. Extra Matinee To-day.

PALACE 305 St. near Broadway. Extra Matinee To-day.

MURRAY 306 St. near Broadway. Extra Matinee To-day.

CASINO 307 St. near Broadway. Extra Matinee To-day.

THEATRE 308 St. near Broadway. Extra Matinee To-day.

GARRICK 309 St. near Broadway. Extra Matinee To-day.

W. M. GILLETTE 310 St. near Broadway. Extra Matinee To-day.

MADISON SQ. 311 St. near Broadway. Extra Matinee To-day.

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THEATRE 315 St. near Broadway. Extra Matinee To-day.

Spring Opening of Foreign Cotton Dress Goods.

Exclusive designs in all fabrics, comprising: Mercerized Pongee, Irish Dimities, Fancy Swiss, Silk Warp Zephyr, Silk Striped Grenadine, Cotton Foulards, French Percales, and Scotch Shirtings.

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THE VILLAGE POSTMASTER. 14th St. THEATRE. 10 to 11 P. M. Special Matinee To-day.

PASTOR'S 14th St. THEATRE. 10 to 11 P. M. Special Matinee To-day.

HERALD SQUARE 14th St. THEATRE. 10 to 11 P. M. Special Matinee To-day.

COMIQUE 14th St. THEATRE. 10 to 11 P. M. Special Matinee To-day.

BURLESQUE—NEW YORK, JR. 14th St. THEATRE. 10 to 11 P. M. Special Matinee To-day.

THE NEW YORK, MAT. TO-DAY. 14th St. THEATRE. 10 to 11 P. M. Special Matinee To-day.

EDEN'S 14th St. THEATRE. 10 to 11 P. M. Special Matinee To-day.

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## NEW ST. THOMAS CHARITY

Peer Women to Be Given Material to Make Up for Use in Hospitals.

R. Thomas's Church, starts the new year with new form of charity, which has been made possible by a donation of two large rooms by Mrs. Joseph W. Harper.

The rooms have just been completed. They adjoin the church, and the purpose for which they have been built is to enable the women of the congregation to meet there and contribute all sorts of material to be cut up by them into patterns and dresses.

These will then be given to the poor women of the parish to make up into towels, aprons and other things used in hospitals. These articles are then to be given to the hospitals and to the neediest class of poor.

Employment will in this way be given to a large number of women who could otherwise obtain nothing to do, and who are too proud to ask for charity.

Rev. Dr. John W. Brown, rector, dedicated the two rooms yesterday.

RICH, BUT LOVES WAR. Young Marriage Will Join Boers if Discharged Here.

Redolph Martensen, the millionaire private of the Third Cavalry at Fort Sumner, is trying to get discharged from the United States army, not because he is tired of soldier life, but because he likes it so well. He wants to go to South Africa and get in the active campaign there. His mother wants him to stay fighting altogether.

"If I am discharged," said he to-day, "I propose to go to the Transvaal and join the Boers. I believe they need our sympathy, and I would rather fight an Englishman any day than a Boer."

The news that Martensen may leave the Third Cavalry is heard with great regret by his fellow-troopers. Millionaires are a rarity with them, and Martensen has endeavored himself to be a private as a rule with them.

A tip of \$5 or \$10 to the man who volunteers to saddle his horse is not at all uncommon, and he made Christmas presents of \$50 gold certificates to several of the non-commissioned officers of his regiment.

SUED BY HER DRESSMAKER. Note of the Late William Walter Phelps Says in Defense She Was Overcharged.

Mrs. Lincoln R. Peabody, niece of the late William Walter Phelps, a handsome society woman, of 22 Riverside Drive, is defendant in a suit brought by her dressmaker, Madame A. Dell, of 62 West Twenty-sixth street, to recover a bill of \$1,111. It will be heard in the Second District Municipal Court on Friday.

Mrs. Peabody declares that she owes but \$111, being overcharged \$1,000 on the alteration of a white dress. Her check for that amount was refused by Mme. Dell.

Mrs. Peabody will contest to the end, she says, not for the \$1, but for the principle involved.